

BOSTON, JULY 20, 1861.

DEAR FRIEND,

No ordinary emergency compels us to address you, and to urge for our cause's sake your best attention to this our appeal.

In consequence of the peculiar state of the times, — the prostration of business and the diminution of individual resources generally, — the treasury of our Society has been so long without its usual supplies, that the Executive Committee entertain the serious fear that it will become necessary to stop and entirely discontinue the NATIONAL ANTI-SLAVERY STANDARD. Without a decided augmentation of our means in the course of a few months, this very grievous alternative WILL BE FORCED UPON us. We cannot consent to take this painful step, — for we believe the *Standard* was never doing a more salutary and needful work than now, — without sending this last and urgent entreaty to the friends of the Anti-Slavery cause, to those who, through so many years of darkness, discouragement, and doubt have stood unflinchingly at their post in defence of this sacred cause, that they will come to the rescue; and, even though it may require of them some serious self-denial, that they will unite in an effort to carry the *Standard* through this severe ordeal, and, if possible, even to the hour when "liberty shall be proclaimed throughout all the land to all the inhabitants thereof." Our Editors, and other necessary agents, are generously consenting to a diminution of their already small and scarcely sufficient salaries. We feel that if a like spirit of generous self-sacrifice should now animate the whole of our little Anti-Slavery host, this present danger may be averted, and our voice to the Nation, instead of being silenced in this most critical hour, become more clear and more potent than ever.

We send this to you *in confidence*, and ask for it your best consideration, and such effort, both in the way of contribution yourself, and of collections in your neighborhood, as it is in your power to give us at this emergency.

In behalf of the American Anti-Slavery Society,

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